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1.EMBASSY NOMINATES FOR SIX-WEEK TRAINING PROGRAM IN US
BEGINNING MARCH 7 FOLLOWING:
MRS.SIMONE VELLE,BORN MAY 3, 1925,IN WAVRE,BELGIUM
GOOD FLUENCY IN ENGLISH,BOTH WRITTEN AND SPOKEN,EMPLOYED BY US
GOVERNMENT SINCE JUNE 1949 AND WITH COMMERCIAL UNIT
OF AMERICAN EMBASSY BRUSSELS SINCE 1958; POSITION FSL-3 AS
COMMERCIAL LIBRARIAN,INITIAL DRAFTER OF INDUSTRY MARKET SURVEYS
PREPARATORY WORK ON TRADE MISSIONS,EXHIBITS
AND TRADE SHOWS,AND GENERAL COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES REQUIRING
ATTENTION OF SENIOR LOCAL; EUDCATIONAL EXPERIENCE-- DIPLOMA IN
HUMANITIES AT THE LYCEE EMILE JACQMAIN
GERMANIC LANGUAGE STUDY AT THE BRUSSELS FREE UNIVERSITY,
TWO YEARS'ATTENDANCE AT THE ECOLE DE BIBLIOTECAIRES
IN BRUSSELS,CERTIFICATE FROM THE INSTITUT DES HAUTES
ETUDES DE BELGIQUE; IN ADDITION,MRS.VELLE ATTENDED AND
FSL SEMINAR IN ROTTERDAM IN 1966 AND A SECOND SEMINAR FOR
FSL SPECIALISTS IN THE HAGUE IN 1975; INDUSTRIES OF
INTEREST: ELECTRONIC,COMMUNICATIONS,HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE
EQUIPMENT,AND AVIONICS IN ADDITION,,MRS.VELLE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT
VARIOUSPUBLIC AND COMMERCIAL LIBRARIES.

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2.EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT MRS.VELLE WOULD BE VALUABLE
CANDIDATE UNDER THIS PROGRAM.WE BELIEVE THAT SHE COULD
USEFULLY IMPROVE THE OPERATION OF THE COMMERCIAL LIBRARY AND
LAYOUT OF REFERENCE MATERIALS IF SHE HAD A MORE SOLID KNOWLEDGE
OF SOURCESAVAILABLE IN UNITED STATES AND IF SHE
LEARNED MORE ABOUT HOW TO GO ABOUT OBTAINING SUCH MATERIAL.

FURTHERMORE,IN HER WORK IN PREPARING LARGE AND SMALL MARKET STUDIES,DISCUSSION BY MRS.VELLE WITH INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES AND WITH USDOC DISTRICT OFFICES SHOULD GIVE HER A CLEARER IDEA OF THE REAL NEEDS OF END-USERS AND OF MULTIPLIERS,THUS SHARPENING THESE REPORTS AND INCREASING THEIR INTRINSIC VALUE.

3.WHILE POST WILL WITH DIFFICULTY HAVE TO SPARE MRS.VELLE DURING A PARTICULARLY BUSY PERIOD,WE BELIEVE THAT THE RETURNS FROM SUCH TRAINING WILL MORE THAN PAY FOR THEMSELVES IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.
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